If all Bigg Boss fights were taken to the police

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*It is true that Sofia Hayat's complaint is the first legal case filed against any Bigg Boss contestant for their actions inside the house, and Armaan Kohli is the first person to have been arrested while he was still a part of the reality show. But is this the first incident of violence, harassment or insult inside the house? Bigg Boss fans would guffaw in dissent. Verbal duels are the fodder the show thrives on, and there are many instances when fights have turned ugly or violent. Many are of the opinion that this might be a publicity stunt, but even so, the multiple charges Armaan has been booked under are mind-boggling.*  
  
What if other, previous brawls that have happened on the show were taken to a court of law? We list some of the major skirmishes from inside the controversial house in its seven seasons so far, and what sections of the IPC they might attract, in theory, were the victims to go to the police.  
  
**Armaan Kohli vs Kamya Punjabi**  
For those who blame Armaan, Sofia's not his only 'victim' - he's picked fights with almost every housemate this season and hurled verbal abuse at men and women alike. He offended his once 'good friend' Kamya Punjabi when he called her a 'divorcee', among other profanities, in a fit of anger during a task, reducing her to tears. Kamya said several times after the incident that she would never be able to forgive Armaan for the comment.  
  
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Section: 504 (Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace). It can attract imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or a fine, or both.  
  
**Armaan Kohli vs Elli Avram**  
A tearful Elli had confided in co-contestant Pratyusha Banerjee on the fifth day of the current season that Armaan had teased her and called her 'chammak challo'. She said that Armaan thought she's 'easy' since she is a foreigner. "I would have slapped him for his behaviour," Elli had said on the show.  
  
Sections: 354A (sexual harassment), 499 (defamation) and 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) Laywerspeak: "The use of abusive language against anybody can also come under Section 294 (obscene acts and songs). But when a woman is abused, she can file a complaint under section 354A of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013, as well," said Delhi-based advocate VK Singh.

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**Kushal Tandon vs Tanishaa Mukerji**  
Armaan is not the only villain in the house - Kushal has time and again rubbed people the wrong way, and was even evicted from the house for his 'act of violence'. His fight with Tanishaa is one of the most controversial ones this season, when he called her a 'flop actress', 'fat' and commented on her height and age. He even compared Tanisha's career to that of her sister Kajol. The two almost came to blows during a task, when Tanishaa pushed him slightly.  
  
Sections: 503 (criminal intimidation, which is punishable under Section 506, which allows imprisonment up to two years, or a fine, or both), 499, and 504  
  
**Kushal Tandon vs Vivek Mishra**  
The yoga guru was called 'chhamiya' by Kushal, and he kept poking fun at him, which led to Vivek tearing up on the show.  
  
Sections: 503, 504 and 499 (defamation, punishable under Section 500 with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or a fine, or with both)  
  
**Kushal Tandon vs Andy**  
During another brawl in the current season, Kushal charged at VJ Andy in anger and shook him by his shoulder. After this, Kushal was asked to leave the show.  
  
Sections: 323 (voluntarily causing hurt, punishable with up to one year's imprisonment, or a fine of maximum `1,000, or both), also 504  
  
Laywerspeak: "If it's a simple injury, then Section 323 is applied, but if the accused has caused grievous hurt, then Section 325 (punishment for voluntarily causing grievous hurt) is applicable," says VK Singh.

**Shweta Tiwari and Sameer Soni vs Dolly Bindra** Dolly Bindra is one contestant whose ability to pick a fight on the reality show and carry it out has achieved legendary status. On season four, she got into several verbal fights with Shweta Tiwari. During one such fight, she called Shweta a 'prostitute' (the actual word was beeped out, of course) and also scratched her arm. Contestant Sameer Soni tried to step in as peacemaker, but Dolly and he got involved in a fist fight. Both of them were evicted from the show after being accused of violence. Sections: 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 499, 504  
  
**Kamaal R Khan vs Rohit Verma and Shamita Shetty** Another notorious incident in the house was that of Kamaal R Khan throwing a bottle at Rohit Verma during a fight on season three. The bottle accidentally hit Shamita Shetty. Khan also had an altercation with comedian Raju Srivastava. He was asked to leave the show that very night. Sections: 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means, punishable with up to three years' imprisonment, or a fine, or both) read with 511 (punishment for attempting to commit offences punishable with imprisonment for life or other imprisonment)  
  
Laywerspeak: "Section 511 is applicable when the actual offence hasn't taken place, but an attempt has been made. Say, somebody points a gun at you, doesn't fire, or even if he fires, doesn't hit you, then this section is applied," says advocate Harshad Bhadbhade from Mumbai.  
  
**Akashdeep Saigal vs Mahek Chahal**  
Akashdeep Saigal repeatedly had verbal spats with Mahek Chahal on Bigg Boss 5, and during one such fight, he commented on her character indirectly. He was heard saying on air, "*Goa mein tune kya kia tha bataun main?... Main tujhe baaton mein hi nanga kar sakta hoon*." That he used cuss words is needless to say.  
Sections: 354A, 499  
Laywerspeak: Harshad says, "Not only against co-contestants, the housemates can also file a complaint against the show for illegal activities, be it uttering expletives or abuse, and that being shown on television to make a profit. No contract can stop them - you can't have a contract saying that a murder will be committed and it will be shown live on television. What is illegal is illegal."  
  
**Imam Siddique vs... well, several contestants**  
Infamous for his antics, Imam stretched his act too far in the mud house last season, when he took off his clothes on camera, intimidated co-contestants, mocked them and taunted actress Aashka Goradia. He also apparently threatened to burn down the house and was seen breaking earthen pots and other items kept inside the house. All attempts to control him failed, and he was asked to leave the house.  
  
Sections: 504, 427 (mischief causing damage, punishable with up to two years of imprisonment, or a fine or both), 506 II (threat to cause death or grievous hurt, punishable with up to seven years' imprisonment, or a fine, or with both)  
  
**Sambhavna Seth vs Raja Chaudhary, Ashutosh Kaushik**  
Among several brawls on season 2, one broke out during a game when Sambhavna Seth accused Ashutosh of hurting her, and this prompted a verbal fight between the two. The season's bad boy, Raja Chaudhury, interfered, and began swearing at Sambhavna.  
Section: 504

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